

WORD FROM WYOMING

Calendar of Events

- **Peach Festival Meeting** February 17th @ 7:00 PM @ the Annex.
- **Town Council Meeting** scheduled for March 2nd @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- **Sewer & Water Meeting** scheduled for March 10th @ 7:00 PM @ CWSWA
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting** scheduled for March 10th @ 7:30 PM @ the Annex
- **Tuesday Night Bingo** at C-W Fire Company @ 7:00 PM.
- **Recycling Pickup** is every Tuesday; **Trash Pickup** is every Friday. Upcoming **Yard Waste Pickups** are, Tuesday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 24th. Upcoming **Bulk Pickups** will be on Friday, March 13th and Friday, March 27th.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Wyoming Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of Presidents' Day. Town Hall will reopen @ 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. We would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

WYOMING GOES RED

At the February 2nd Council Meeting Mayor Rife and council proclaimed Friday, February 6th as Wear Red Day in Wyoming as well as February as City Goes Red Month to raise awareness for heart and other cardiovascular diseases.

You can read the full proclamation on our [website](http://www.wyoming.delaware.gov) www.wyoming.delaware.gov.

DSP SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

January 26, 2015 -- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is seeking the public's help as they continue their investigation into a fatal pedestrian crash that took the life of a local man shortly before Christmas.

David Bilow, 55, was struck while walking his dog near Caesar Rodney High School early on the evening of Monday, December 22 around 6:55 p.m. The victim was leaving the school grounds, walking his dog across Old North Road at a marked crosswalk. A vehicle traveling west on Old North Road had stopped just prior to the crosswalk to allow Mr. Bilow to cross. At the same time, another vehicle was making a left turn onto Old North Road from West Street and passed in front of a 2001 Saturn SL driven by 18-year-old Kyle Tieman of Smyrna. Mr. Tieman slowed to avoid hitting the vehicle leaving West Street. Then, failing to see

the pedestrian in the crosswalk, Mr. Tieman continued forward, striking the victim. Mr. Bilow was taken to Bayhealth to Kent General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries a few hours later.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, or may have information on the vehicle that turned from West Street onto North Street (possibly a Jeep), they are asked to contact Corporal W. Killen at 302-697-4454 ext. 216.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."



Article provided by Delaware State House of Representatives

GOVERNOR PROPOSES BIGGER BUDGET, LARGER BURDEN ON SENIORS

Gov. Jack Markell has unveiled a proposed \$3.9 billion state operating budget. The FY 2016 spending plan is a relatively modest \$91 million (2.39 percent) over the current budget, but it includes a provision that would place a greater tax burden on many of the state's senior citizens.

Markell administration officials faced \$153.3 million in so-called "door openers" -- increased operating costs that must be accounted for at the start of the budget process. The way they chose to finance those increased costs is already

generating controversy.	Under Title 30, Section 5426, the Farmland Preservation Fund is to receive \$10 million annually from the state's share of the Realty Transfer Tax. While the statute is not binding, it is considered by many lawmakers as a clear statement of legislative intent to provide the nationally recognized program with a secure, predictable source of funding.
Citing the tax breaks enjoyed by Delaware's senior citizens -- benefits administration officials said cost the state \$130.1 million in forgone state revenue last year -- the governor proposed cutting in half the Elder Tax Subsidy.	Under the Markell budget, the fund to permanently protect farmland from development would receive only \$3.15 million -- nearly 69-percent less than the amount set by law.
Currently, the state pays up to \$500 of a senior property owner's school tax. The proposal would cut that subsidiary in half, resulting in some seniors paying as much as \$250 more in school taxes annually. The move would save the state \$12.6 million in FY 2016 and more in the future as the senior demographic grows.	At his budget presentation in Tatnall Hall in Dover, the governor highlighted his administration's cost reduction measures. Personnel cutbacks, the consolidation of state facilities, and a 20 percent reduction in the state vehicle fleet were among the moves the governor cited that reportedly saved millions-of-dollars.
House Minority Leader Danny Short, R-Seaford, says he has already received e-mails and spoken to concerned seniors about the initiative. "They see it as a tax increase," he said. "I was at a coffee meeting this morning (Friday) where a half-dozen people told me they were not happy about this."	Rep. Short said the Markell administration's cost-cutting efforts were welcome, but he says he would like to see a more aggressive approach.
Rep. Short noted that the expense imposed on seniors from cutting the subsidiary would be far higher than the 10-cents-per-gallon fuel tax hike proposed by the governor last year. That initiative proved so unpopular it was never introduced in the General Assembly.	The governor recently impaneled the Structural Revenue Review Committee to examine the state's revenue streams, the attributes of each, and how they collectively work together to meet the state's needs.
"This Elder Tax Subsidy proposal is going to generate a lot of animosity and is starting the budgetary process off on the wrong foot," Rep. Short said.	"We should be taking a similar approach to cost-saving ideas," Rep. Short said. "There should be a joint effort to bring together people from inside and outside of government to take a fresh look state operations and suggest ways we can save additional dollars."
Another provocative proposal contained in the governor's state spending plan is the use \$39.2 million in revenue from abandoned property seizures to pay for state operations -- money that is usually dedicated to the ailing Transportation Trust Fund.	The governor's budget proposals are now in the hands of the Joint Finance Committee. The 12 state legislators (eight Democrats and four Republicans) will begin six weeks of budget hearings next week. Over the next four-and-a-half months, they will tweak and re-write the governor's plan to create a budget the General Assembly will vote on in late June.
"We had engineers at Legislative Hall recently asking legislators to support infrastructure improvements and put the construction industry back to work," Rep. Short said. "This proposed budget robs nearly \$40 million in funds that are traditionally dedicated to road and bridge projects to fill the hole in the operating budget."	<i>Article courtesy of the State House of Representatives eNewsletter.</i>
For the fifth year in a row, Gov. Markell has proposed taking money earmarked for Farmland Preservation to pay for the operating budget.	

<p style="text-align: center;">NO ELECTION</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN OF WYOMING, DELAWARE PUBLIC NOTICE: MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR 2015</p> <p>The Town of Wyoming will NOT be having a council election in February, 2015.</p> <p>There were two council seats open for election and two residents filed for those seats; therefore no election is needed.</p> <p>The following residents filed for the two seats and will be sworn in at the May 4, 2015 Council Meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul Cable Georgette Williams</p>	<p>I would like to take this time to wish all the new and returning elected officials the best of luck during their tenure.</p> <p>I would also like to thank the outgoing Council members Jaci Stokes and Lisa Fulcher for their service.</p> <p>Police: The Wyoming Police Department has promoted officer Michael Peyto from Patrolman First Class to Corporal. Mike has over 9 years as a police officer and was chosen for the second in command position. Officer Peyto will be a great fit for this position. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!! We are proud of you, and all of the officers on the Wyoming Police Force.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GRASS & WEEDS</p>	
<p>Please read Ordinance #12-11 An Ordinance Regulating Overgrown Grass and Weeds that is attached to the back of this newsletter. Growing season will be here soon and this is a reminder of the Town's regulations. Any resident allowing growth over 8" will receive a 5 day notice and then the Town will mow and bill you for it as per the ordinance. Only 1 notice is required per season.</p>	<p>One Way Streets: I am sure by now you have all seen the change on Pine St. and Layton from Southern Blvd. to Camden Wyoming Ave. Please take care as you travel these roads and make sure everyone is abiding by the new directions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR RIFE</p>	<p>These are just a few things that are happening in our peach of a town. Please come out and join us at a meeting or call if there is anything we can do for you.</p>
<p>February, has been a very cold month with lots of snow forecasted, but none has been seen yet. We can only hope our luck continues. After all we do not want snow to ruin Valentine's Day. I would also like to wish everyone a very special Valentine's Day.</p> <p>Election: There will not be an election this year, we had two open council seats and only two citizens put their letters in for the two seats. Therefore the council as of May will be as follows:</p> <p>Your Mayor and Council will be as follows:</p> <p>Mayor: Dale Rife Councilperson: Georgette Williams Newly Elected Councilperson: Paul Cable Newly Elected Councilperson: Terry Witt Councilperson: Kyle Dixon</p>	<p>As always thank you for your support. My door is always open and my phone is available to all the distinguished citizens of the Town Of Wyoming. If you have any questions, or concerns please call, or e-mail me.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank You Dale Rife, Mayor</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Best little Town in Delaware frankiedale@hotmail.com 302-697-2966 ext.10 Home 302.697.9711 Fax 698.9712</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>